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Filed: 06/26/2003
For: PROCESS FOR HEAT TREATING CERAMICS AND
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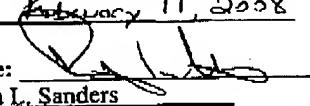
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1. Transmittal herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. § 1.116) for this application.

2. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of other than a small entity.

3. EXTENSION OF TERM

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

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<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$460.00	\$235.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,050.00	\$525.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,640.00	\$820.00
		Fee: \$0

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

4. TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is: None

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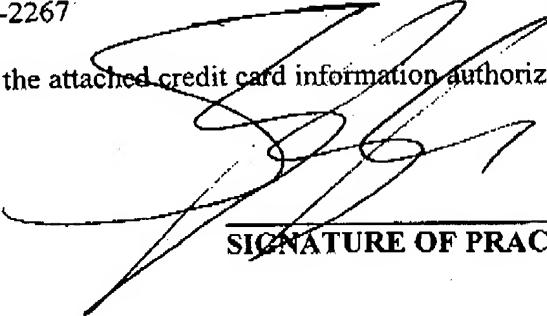
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 15, 2007Introduction

This paper is responsive to the pending FINAL Office Action mailed November 15, 2007 in the above-captioned patent application. By this paper, applicants fully respond to the pending Office Action. The accompanying Amendment Transmittal addresses any necessary extension requests, extension fees and claim fees. Applicants submit that the present invention is patentable over the applied documents, and solicit the issuance of a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Issue Fee Due